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INTRODUCTION

On March 28, 1991, Sir Geoffrey Palmer visited Washington University and delivered a speech entitled *An International Regime For Environmental Protection*. Mr. Palmer and Washington University's Dean Dorsey D. Ellis, Jr. taught together at the University of Iowa. Both Dean Ellis and the Washington University Environmental Law Society helped persuade Mr. Palmer to address students regarding the growing problem of global environmental ozone depletion and international law's necessary reaction. The *Washington University Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law* solicited responses to Mr. Palmer's speech from various international and environmental law commentators and is pleased to present the following symposium that includes Mr. Palmer's speech and three responses.

Sir Geoffrey Palmer is the former Prime Minister, Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment of New Zealand. He is a Professor of Law at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He received a bachelor's degree and a LL.B. from Victoria University and received a J.D. from the University of Chicago. He is the author of numerous books and articles including *Environmental Politics: A Greenprint for New Zealand* and *Unbridled Power*. He is currently teaching at Victoria University after spending time as an Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Iowa.

A. Dan Tarlock provides the first response to former Prime Minister Palmer. Mr. Tarlock is a Professor of Law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He is one of America's preeminent academic environmental authorities. He received his bachelor's degree and an LL.B. from Stanford University. He has written countless articles and co-authored *Environmental Protection: Law and Policy*.

The second response to Professor Palmer comes from Alan S. Miller. He is currently the Executive Director of the Center for Global Change, University of Maryland at College Park. Mr. Miller received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his law degree from the University of Michigan. He was a Senior Staff Attorney of the Natural Resources Defense Council from 1980-84 and was an associate at the World Resource Institute from 1984-87. He is a well known authority in the global environmental law field and co-authored the

notable book *The Sky is the Limit: Strategies to Protect the Ozone Layer*.

Gregory Gelfand provides the final response to Professor Palmer's speech. He is a Professor of Law at the Widener University School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Stonybrook, and graduated from University of Michigan Law School. In 1976, he worked as an intern at the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nation's Secretariat. He is an authority in the international law and civil procedure fields and has authored *International Law: A Review of Civil Procedure*.